

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:
 - a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;
 - an operator for controlling operation of said motor; and
 - a wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational signals to said operator, ~~said wall station having:~~
 - an open/close switch for directly actuating said motor to move the barrier ~~in the appropriate direction~~ between opened and closed positions, said open/close switch carried by said wall station; and
 - ~~said wall station also having~~ a manual-close/auto-close selector switch carried by said wall station, wherein if an auto-close mode is selected from said selector switch, said operator automatically closes the barrier if left open for a predetermined period of time and moves the barrier upon actuation of the open/close switch, and wherein if a manual-close mode is selected from said selector switch, said operator moves the barrier upon actuation of said open/close switch.
2. (Currently Amended) The operator system according to claim 1, wherein said wall station comprises:
 - a panel carrying said open/close switch and said selector switch; and
 - a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first position permits access to said switches and in a second position conceals both of said switches but allows actuation of said open/close switch while allowing forcible movement of said cover to permit actuation of said open/close switch concealed by said cover without actuating said selector switch.
3. (Original) The operator system according to claim 2, wherein said cover comprises:
 - an exterior surface;
 - an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;
 - a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and

- said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.
4. (Original)The operator system according to claim 3, wherein said exterior surface has a distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.
 5. (Currently Amended)The operator system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a keyless entry transmitter capable of sending operational signals to said operator and moving the barrier in the appropriate direction, wherein said operator will only enable said auto-close mode if said keyless entry transmitter is ~~associated therewith~~ learned to said operator.
 6. (Currently Amended)The operator system according to claim 1, further comprising:
at least one external transmitter capable of sending operational signals to said operator and moving the barrier in the appropriate direction, wherein said operator will only enable said auto-close mode if said at least one external transmitter ~~initiates an open command~~ is learned to said operator.
 7. (Original)The operator system according to claim 6, wherein said at least one external transmitter is selected from a group consisting of a keyless entry transmitter and a portable remote transmitter.
 8. (Original)The operator system according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined period of time is adjustable and wherein said wall station transmitter also functions as a transceiver.
 9. (Currently Amended) An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:
a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;
an operator for controlling operation of said motor; ~~and~~
a wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational signals to said operator ~~[[, said wall station having]]~~;
an open/close switch carried by said wall station for actuating said motor to move the barrier in the appropriate direction; ~~and~~

~~said wall station also having an auto close/blocking selector at least one other switch carried by said wall station which, if enabled in a blocking mode, precludes said operator from receiving operational signals from any source other than said wall station generates some type of operational signal for receipt by said operator;~~

a panel carrying said open/close switch and said at least one other switch; and

a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first position permits access to said switches and in a second position conceals each of said switches while allowing activation of only said open/close switch concealed by said cover by movement of said cover.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The operator system according to claim 9, wherein said blocking selector switch comprises additional modes of manual close and auto-close, wherein if said auto-close mode is selected said operator automatically closes the barrier if left open for a predetermined period of time at least one other switch comprises:~~

an auto-close/blocking selector switch, wherein if said selector switch is in an auto-close mode, said operator automatically closes the barrier if left open for a predetermined period of time, and wherein if said selector switch is in a blocking mode, said operator is precluded from receiving operational signals from any source other than said wall station

11. (Canceled)

12. (Withdrawn) An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:

a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;

an operator for controlling operation of said motor;

a wireless wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational signals to said operator, said wireless wall station having an open/close switch for actuating said motor to move the barrier in the appropriate direction; and

a light source illuminating said wireless wall station from within.

13. (Withdrawn) The operator source according to claim 12, wherein said wireless wall

station comprises:

a panel carrying said open/close switch and said light source.

14. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 13, wherein said wireless wall station further comprises:

a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first position permits access to said switch and in a second position conceals said switches but allows actuation of said open/close switch

15. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 14, wherein said cover has light transmitting properties to allow light transmission of said light source.

16. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 15, wherein said cover comprises:

an exterior surface;

an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;

a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and

said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.

17. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 16, wherein said exterior surface has a distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.

18. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 16, wherein said interior surface further comprises a diffuser extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said light source when said cover is in said second position.

19. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 14, wherein said panel comprises:

a recessed panel and an exposed panel;

said recessed panel covered by said cover when in said second position, said exposed panel carrying other operational switches.

20. (Withdrawn) The operator according to claim 14, wherein said cover is hinged to said panel at an edge thereof.
21. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 20, further comprising:
 - a light controlled by said operator; and
 - a light switch carried by said wall station at said edge.
22. (Withdrawn) The operator system according to claim 21, wherein said light switch is actuatable by applying a force in one of two directions.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Currently Amended) The operator system according to claim [[23]] 9, further comprising:
 - a light controlled by said operator; and
 - a light switch carried by said wall station, wherein said light switch is actuatable by applying a force in one of two directions.
25. (Currently Amended) The operator system according to claim [[24]] 9, wherein said cover comprises:
 - an exterior surface;
 - an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;
 - a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and
 - said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.
26. (Original) The operator system according to claim 25, wherein said exterior surface has a distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.
27. (Currently Amended) An operator system for moving a barrier comprising:
 - a motor for moving the barrier between opened and closed positions;
 - an operator for controlling operation of said motor; and

a wall station having a wall station transmitter for sending operational signals to said operator, said wall station having an open/close switch for immediately actuating said motor to move the barrier ~~in the appropriate direction~~ between open and closed positions[[;]] said operator capable of receiving operational signals from said wall station transmitter and any programmed transmitter; and

~~said wall station also having~~ a manual-close/auto-close/block switch carried by said wall station, wherein if a manual-close mode is selected said operator ~~only closes~~ moves the ~~door~~ barrier upon receipt of a ~~door close~~ signal from one of said ~~wall station open/close switch~~ and said programmed transmitter;

wherein if an auto-close mode is selected said operator automatically closes the barrier if left open for a predetermined period of time; and

wherein if a block mode is selected, said operator is precluded from receiving operational signals from any source other than said wall station transmitter.

28. (Currently Amended)The operator system according to claim 27, wherein said wall station comprises:

a panel carrying said open/close switch and said selector switch; and

a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first position permits access to said switches and in a second position conceals each of said switches ~~but allows actuation of said open/close switch~~ while allowing activation of said open/close switch concealed by said cover by movement of said cover.

29. (Original)The operator system according to claim 28, wherein said cover comprises:

an exterior surface;

an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;

a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and

said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.

30. (Original)The operator system according to claim 29, wherein said exterior surface has a distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.
31. (Original)The operator system according to claim 27, wherein said operator generates a warning signal immediately prior to said operator automatically closing the barrier.
32. (Currently Amended)The operator system according to claim 31, wherein said operator incrementally closes the barrier a predetermined distance after completion of the said warning signal, unless one of said operational signals is received during said warning signal.
33. (Original)The operator system according to claim 32, wherein said operator generates a second warning signal after said incremental closing and prior to said operator automatically closing the barrier.
34. (Original)The operator system according to claim 33, wherein said operator closes the barrier after completion of said second warning signal, unless one of said operational signals is received during said warning signal.
35. (Currently Amended)The operator system according to claim 27, wherein said operator generates a warning signal immediately prior to said operator incrementally closing the barrier a predetermined distance, whereupon said operator repeats generation of said warning signal and incremental closing until the barrier is completely closed.
36. (Original)The operator system according to claim 35, wherein the barrier is returned to an open position if one of said warning signals is received during said warning signal.
37. (Withdrawn) A wall station for transmitting signals to an operator that moves a motorized barrier, comprising:

a panel;

an open/close switch carried by said panel, wherein actuation of said open/close switch causes the operator to move the barrier in an appropriate direction;

at least one other function switch carried by said panel, wherein actuation of said other function switch causes the operator to perform the corresponding function; and

a cover positionable with respect to said panel, wherein said cover in a first position permits access to said switches and in a second position conceals said switches but allows actuation of said open/close switch.

38. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 37, wherein said cover comprises:

an exterior surface;

an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;

a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and

said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.

39. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 38, wherein said exterior surface has a distinguishable tactile surface opposite said nub.

40. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 37, further comprising:

a light source emanating from said panel.

41. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 40, wherein said cover has light transmitting properties to allow light transmission of said light source.

42. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 41, wherein said cover comprises:

an exterior surface;

an interior surface opposite said exterior surface;

a nub extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said

- open/close switch when said cover is in said second position; and
said cover movable in said second position to allow actuation of said open/close switch with said nub.
43. (Withdrawn) The wall station according to claim 42, wherein said interior surface further comprises a diffuser extending from said interior surface and in juxtaposition with said light source when said cover is in said second position.
44. (Withdrawn) A wall station transmitter for sending operational signals to an operator that controls movement of a barrier comprising:
a housing having a battery compartment, said housing having a ledge at one end of said battery compartment and a ridge at an opposite end of said battery compartment, said ledge having a groove adjacent a nub, and said ridge having a notch; and
a battery cover that detachably encloses said battery compartment, said cover having a catch at one end and a latch at an opposite end, said latch detachably received in said notch and said catch detachably received by said groove.
45. (Withdrawn) The wall station transmitter according to claim 44, wherein said catch comprises:
a U-shaped member having a pivot point;
a lever arm extending from said pivot point;
a retainer extending from said lever; and
a finger extending from said lever arm, said finger and said retainer forming a slot therebetween.
46. (Withdrawn) The wall station transmitter according to claim 45, wherein said retainer is receivable in said groove and said nub is receivable in said slot.
47. (Withdrawn) The wall station transmitter according to claim 46, wherein application of a force on said finger moves said lever arm with respect to said pivot point and disengages said retainer from said groove and said nub from said slot.

48. (Withdrawn) The wall station transmitter according to claim 47, wherein said housing has a hinge cavity for receiving said catch, said retainer having a ramp surface that is deflected by said nub upon insertion of said catch into said hinge cavity.
49. (New) The operator system according to claim 1, wherein said wall station transmitter generates wireless operational signals received by said operator.